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South Platte Reservoir: reservoir; 135 acres; in South Platte Park, 1.9 km (1.2 mi) N of Chatfield Lake; the name refers to the reservoir's location within South Platte Park; Arapahoe County, Colorado; Sec 31, T5S, R68W, Sixth Principal Mer.; 39°34'18"N, 105°03'01"W; USGS map – Littleton 1:24,000.

Proposal: to make official a name in recent local use

Map: USGS Littleton 1:24,000

Proponent: South Suburban Parks and Recreation; Littleton, CO

Administrative area: South Platte Park

Previous BGN Action: None

Names associated with feature:

GNIS: None found

Local Usage: None found

Published: South Platte Reservoir (Littleton Parks, Trails and Open Space, City of Littleton, 2008; Facility Registration System, EPA, 1999; Colorado Water Courts, 2000; Upper Colorado River Basin Study, 2003; Denver Regional Council of Governments, 2008)

Case Summary:

This 135 acre reservoir is located in South Platte Park, 1.9 km (1.2 mi) north of Chatfield Lake, and along the north side of State Highway 470. Its construction was completed in 2007; during the design phase, the name South Platte Reservoir was applied and was published in several planning documents, including those of the Environmental Protection Agency since 1999. It is also being used by the City of Littleton. A report presented at the annual conference of the Association of State Dam Safety Officials in 2000 described "the innovative design approaches for the South Platte Reservoir" and noted that the major tributary of the reservoir would flow eastward toward the South Platte River. One online newspaper referred to "this earthen construction site [which] will soon be the South Platte Reservoir.... built to accommodate growth in the Highlands Ranch area." There are eight other features in Colorado that include "South Platte" in their names, but none refer to reservoirs or lakes.